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Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [327]

NOTICE.

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Nowchwan, 4th February, 1909. [354]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 23RD 1909.

THOUGH there were no clear signs of trade revival apparent when the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation addressed the shareholders last August Mr. SHILLIM considered there was justification for taking a hop full view of the future, as cheap money and diminishing stocks were factors which were bound sooner or later to bring about a commercial revival. No institution is in a better position in the East than the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to feel the pulse of trade, and at the meeting of shareholders on Saturday the Chairman had the satisfaction of stating that although trade in the Far East during the past six months had not been altogether satisfactory he regarded the hopeful view of the prospects taken at the last meeting as having been justified. And now, with a healthier tone noticeable, with business generally on a sounder basis, stocks of imports being gradually reduced, crops good, renewed commercial activity throughout America, and money plentiful and cheap in Europe, the Chairman regarded the time as ripe for a return to prosperity and the commencement of a new period of expansion in trade. That will be welcome news not only to shareholders of the Bank but to the public generally. In spite of the restricted trade of the past six months the Bank has managed to do exceedingly well, and as Mr. Ross remarked in concluding the adoption of the Report and Accounts: "If this be the result of a half-year of dull and restricted

trade, what indeed may be expected when the tide of prosperity again flows in the Far East!" It is satisfactory to observe that the note of optimism is not absent from the addresses of Chairmen of other Companies in the Colony. Times have been had for most concerns, and misfortune in the form of typhoons has added to the difficulties of the position in the case of estate and wharf and shipping companies, so that the stocks of such companies are generally quoted much below what they were five years ago. But, as we have remarked, a more hopeful view of the future has been taken at most meetings of shareholders that have yet taken place. Mr. ROBERT SHAWMAN when presiding at the meeting of shareholders of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., was particularly emphatic in the expression of his belief that better days are at hand in the Colony when "those who have had faith in Hongkong and its fortunes will reap their reward." Certainly there is no need to be pessimistic about the future of the Colony. As Mr. SHAWMAN said, the resources and facilities of the port of Hongkong as a depot for the trade of South China are still untouched and unrivalled, and will be enormously increased when once communication by rail is opened up with the great cities of the interior. There can be no doubt of that, and meanwhile with trade reviving throughout the world, and with the improving prospects of business in China following upon exceptionally good harvests, and with plenty of money waiting the expected revival of trade, there seems ample justification for the confidence which is generally felt that prosperous times are about to return.

The present Criminal Sessions at the Supreme Court of Hongkong are noteworthy for the number of cases of armed robbery which the Judge and Jury have been called upon to try. Out of the eleven cases set down for trial no less than nine are cases of this description. The exemplary sentences which His Honour the Chief Justice has passed on the prisoners found guilty will meet with general public approval. Five years' imprisonment in each case was the measure of punishment meted out for these dastardly crimes and in addition the Chief Justice ordered the convicted prisoners to be flogged with twenty-four strokes—excepting in the case of one who looked "a poor sort of creature" who did not seem able to stand much flogging, and he was let off with twelve strokes. It may be hoped that these sentences will effectually put a stop to armed robbery in the Colony. Fortunately it has not been very ripe in Hongkong of late years, and the extraordinary succession of such crimes just before Chinese New Year was surprising. It may be hoped that the sentences passed at the Assizes yesterday will have the desired deterrent effect.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scott returned to Shanghai from Taiwan on the 17th inst.

At a general meeting of the Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation Ltd., a dividend of Rs. 300 per share on the original issue and Rs. 75 per share on the third issue was declared.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, an event which was marked by the warships in the harbour hoisting the American flag.

The period of State mourning in China expired on Saturday, and the Board of the Interior by proclamation commanded all people to have their heads shaved on that day.

The Chinese Government, it is stated, will shortly open Lien Shan in the Gulf of Pechili about 200 li north of Shanghai as a free port. The harbour is ice-free, and could, it is declared, be made superior to Dalny.

It is interesting to note the revival of the use of the birch rod, as many as five prisoners being ordered by the Chief Justice yesterday to be birched in addition to their sentences of imprisonment.

The schedule for the 1909 Flower and Vegetable Show, arranged by the Hongkong Horticultural Society to take place at the Botanic Gardens on Friday and Saturday next is now issued. There are 95 classes.

Messrs. Hughes & Hough desire us to mention that they are selling Mr. Humphreys' furniture up to lot No. 242 to-morrow, the 24th inst., and the sale will be resumed on the following day at 11 a.m. with lot No. 243.

The plague return for the week ending 20th inst. places the total cases at three, two of which proved fatal. The return of other communicable diseases for the same period shows one case of diphtheria, two of enteric fever and an imported case of small-pox.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Shanghai Samatra Tobacco Co., Ltd. held on the 17th inst. it was decided to recommend that, at the approaching annual meeting, a final dividend of 25 per cent. making 40 per cent. for the year, should be declared.

The police are looking for a boy who stole a number of articles from the military barracks in Queen's Road. Apparently he had been caught last week but he was beaten and allowed to go.

By advertisement in another column the Sanitary Department earnestly requests the co-operation of householders in the destruction of rats and intimates that rat poison, rat traps and bird lime can be obtained free of charge from the officers of the Department.

A marine from H.M.S. Bedford reports to the police that between Sunday night and Monday morning he was robbed, probably by a richa coolie, of a Benson silver watch valued at eight guineas, a double gold curb watch chain, and a gold stone in the form of a Freemason's emblem, in all worth about eighteen guineas.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 21st February, 1909 shows that of non-Chinese there were 252 to the Library and 139 to the Museum and of Chinese 148 to the former and 8,576 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 400 persons and the Museum by 8,715.

Chinese Public Opinion states that the number of the mines, working or preparing to work, in Fengtien Province is as follows:—Gold, 55; silver, 5; copper, 9; iron, 7; lead, 9; coal, 85; graphite, 1; glass sand, 2; stone 3; making a total of 176, of which about 50 are working, the others having already been granted licenses.

The Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs have just published their annual list of light-houses, light vessels, buoys and beacons on the coast and rivers of China. The total number of these lights is now 408. A number of charts show the position and kind of lights, and the letter-press gives much detailed information of great value to navigators in Chinese waters.

The Local Representative of the National Children's Home, London, begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the following sums:—

Wesleyan Church, Hongkong	\$32.00
Collected by Miss E. Baker	\$30.35
Yule-Tide Quartette, Part proceeds of carolling	\$64.75

The Bandmann Company on their return visit to Hongkong will play at the Theatre for six nights, commencing on Saturday next when Mr. A. W. Pinero's great play "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" will be presented. The other plays for the first five nights in March are set out in the advertisement which appears in another column. So successful was the company's recent season in Hongkong that full houses every night may be expected on their return to the Colony.

A proposal to admit lady players as unofficial members of the Kobe Golf Club on payment of an annual subscription of 5 yen was considered, at a special meeting of members and rejected by 22 votes to 11. A resolution to allow ladies to use the links on Saturday afternoons and on Sundays after 4 p.m. was also rejected by 26 votes to 9. Mr. Hansell, who moved these resolutions, declared the result to be "another exhibition of Kobe selfishness," and said he believed there was not another links in the world where ladies were not admitted.

Members of the Congregation and others who are interested in the welfare of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, are reminded of the social gathering to be held in the School house of the Kowloon British School this evening at 9 o'clock. There will be a musical programme and light refreshments will be served. During the proceedings the presentation of the Chaplain's House which has been built and furnished through the munificence of Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., will be made. All are cordially invited and evening dress is not necessary.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## A.A.A. CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

The second run in connection with the Broke Cross-Country Challenge Cup is to take place at Kowloon on Sunday over a course starting from the Association's track. It is to be hoped that the event will bring forth more starters than on the occasion of the previous run.

## BUFFS' GYMKHANA.

The Buffs are holding a Regimental Race meeting on Saturday. Entries closed on Saturday last and we understand that a very satisfactory list has been obtained. There are to be six events, viz. a polo pony; races for a Regimental Cup, a Jockey Club Cup, United Service Cup, Subalterns' Cup, and a Ladies' Bracelet.

## LEAGUE CRICKET.

Wednesday—R.G.A. v. R.E.  
Saturday—H.K.C.C. "A" v. H.K.C.C. "B"  
R.E. v. Police.

## CRICKET.

PARBEE V. MOSLEMS.  
The Parses' second eleven, captained by Mr. M. F. Billimoria, defeated the Moslem Cricket Club on Sunday afternoon, on the Civil Service Ground by one wicket and 24 runs.

## CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT.

The concert given by the Choir of St. John's Cathedral on behalf of the organ fund was repeated in presence of a good house last night in the City Hall. The programme was practically the same as before, but unfortunately Miss Brotherton Harkness was unable to fulfil her engagement. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed.

## TELEGRAMS.

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## JAPANESE FISHING INDUSTRY AT HAWAII.

Tokyo, February 22nd.

Mr. Saito, Head of the Emigration Bureau, stated in an interview that it is well-known to be illegal for aliens to fish in American waters, but if Japanese are barred from fishing (at Hawaii?) the industry will be at a standstill.

Mr. Saito, who was formerly Consul at Honolulu, thinks there is no likelihood of the Bills being passed.

## WARSHIPS DAMAGED.

Tokyo, February 22nd.

The Japanese battleship "Fuji" and the cruiser "Tokiwa" have been damaged by striking sunken rocks at Kagoshima.

The damage sustained by the battleship is serious.

[REUTERS' SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

## TANG SHAO YI IN PARIS.

London, February 21st.

President Fallières has received H.E. Tang Shao Yi and suite.

## HAWAII AND JAPAN.

London, February 21st.

A Bill has been introduced into the American Senate to prohibit aliens from fishing in Hawaiian waters.

Sir T. Kato, the Japanese Ambassador to London, in an interview accorded to Reuter's representative, said Japan meant to be one of the dominant Powers in the Pacific, but had no wish to encroach on the rights of others. Japan, he said, possessed no interests in Hawaii or the Philippines which clashed with those of America.

## THE PORTE AND BULGARIA.

London, February 21st.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that the Porte has circularised the Powers pointing out that the reception of Ferdinand of Bulgaria with Royal honours at St. Petersburg would be in derogation of the European understanding that Bulgaria's independence must first be recognised by Turkey.

London, February 22nd.

The Russian Ambassador (at Constantinople?) has explained that the reception given to Ferdinand of Bulgaria as King was merely a matter of courtesy and expediency and did not affect the diplomatic position.

## EARTHQUAKES AND TIDES.

London, February 22nd.

The famous French astronomer, M. Flammarion, has announced undulations in the earth's crust coinciding with the tides which he had long surmised. Measurements by the Potsdam Observatory show a variation amounting to eight inches.

## AMERICAN BATTLESHIP FLEET RETURNED.

London, February 22nd.

The American Battleship Fleet has returned to Hampton Roads.

President Roosevelt reviews the Fleet to-day.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOK SAN PO."]

## A THREATENED REBELLION.

Peking, February 22nd.

The Chinese Minister at Tokyo has sent a telegram to the Throne reporting that several members of the Anti-Manchu Society are proceeding to Kirin in Manchuria with a view to raising a rebellion there. He asks the Throne to send orders to the Viceroy of Manchuria to be on the lookout for the rebels.

## SUPREME COURT.

Monday, February 22nd.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PRIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

## BIG LIST OF CASES.

The February Criminal Sessions opened yesterday, the list containing eleven cases, nine of which were for armed robbery.

## BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Chan Chi was indicted on the charge of breaking and entering the dwelling of one Indar Singh, at 18, Temple Street, Yaumati.

Prisoner admitted entering the house, but denied going there with intent to commit armed robbery.

The Attorney-General, who was instructed by Mr. Deans, Jun., from the office of the Crown Solicitor, informed His Lordship that on the day of the robbery the two inmates left the house at about seven p.m. One of the men returned at nine o'clock, to find the door, which had been securely fastened, broken open, and the prisoner and two other men looting the house. One of the Indians immediately seized the prisoner, who made several cuts on him with a knife, which did not appear to be of a serious character. The other two men escaped, but the Indian retained the prisoner and took him to the police station where certain of the stolen property was found in his possession.

His Lordship—What is the special evidence with regard to the armed robbery?

The Attorney-General—The prisoner is charged with breaking and entering.

His Lordship passed sentence of three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

## CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

Leung Tai was arraigned on a charge of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty and the following jurors were called: Messrs. J. Ramsay (foreman), F. P. de V. Soares, H. E. Sorvyn, L. A. Rose, A. Ritchie, H. W. Schiersberg and H. B. Davidson.

The Attorney-General told the jurors the prisoner was before the Court on a charge of maliciously wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. The affair, apparently, was the result of some petty quarrel and took place on board the steamer "Kum Sang." The prosecutor was a deck boy on that ship, while defendant was a seaman. The boy would state that on the day in question he had a conversation with the prisoner in relation to twenty cents which the prisoner owed him. The latter retorted that he had already paid the money at Calcutta. In the dispute which followed the prisoner attacked prosecutor with a knife and stabbed him several times. This story of the boy would be corroborated by two other witnesses. After inflicting these wounds the prisoner let himself down by a rope on to a sampan and was about to leave when the sampan was called back by the third officer and the prisoner taken into custody. Regarding the wounds, the doctor would state that prosecutor was in a very critical condition from loss of blood for a few hours. Before the Magistrate the prisoner made practically an admission of the charge, but alleged that the prosecutor first attacked him with an iron bar.

His Lordship remarked that the witnesses who had left by the steamer had given their recognisances. The Attorney-General said he understood that the agents had communicated with the magistrate, and the magistrate said he did not think it was necessary for them to stop.

His Lordship—I think the magistrate has made a mistake.

The Attorney-General—It appears in the original depositions at the outset that the prisoner pleaded guilty.

His Lordship said the magistrate was *functus officio* after he had made the inquiry, therefore he would not retract the recognisance.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty, and prisoner was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

## ARMED ROBBERY.

Han Tak and Ho Kwong were indicted on a charge of armed robbery at Yaumati on January 2nd. The same jurors sat as in the previous case.

The first prisoner pleaded guilty, but said he only got \$4 of the proceeds.

The second man tendered a similar plea, remarking that his share of the proceeds was between \$3 and \$4.

The Attorney-General—This is really a bad case, and I think it right to tell the facts to your Lordship.

His Lordship—It is not armed robbery, is it? The Attorney-General—Yes, my Lord. Proceeding to give the facts of the case, the Attorney-General said the prisoners were in company of four other men who had not been arrested. The woman who lived in the house was there alone with her small boy when two men called and started talking to her about renting a house. Then they pushed her inside, threatened her with knives, and tied her hands. She stated that one tied her hands and both asked for money. Four other men then entered the house, being shortly afterwards followed by two more. These women were seized and gagged, then the men ransacked the place at their pleasure and got away. The witnesses were tied together with wire.

His Lordship—Is there any evidence that these two men were armed?

The Attorney-General—There is no particular evidence that these two were. The witnesses say that all the men were armed.

His Lordship—According to the Ordinance the persons convicted must be proved to have been armed.

The Attorney-General said his reason for framing the indictment under section 2 and not

under section 1 was that it was capable of proof of acts of violence under section 2, and also of proving that there were two or more persons.

His Lordship sentenced each of the accused to five years' imprisonment with hard labour, and to receive a flogging of 24 strokes.

## A BORDER CASE.

The same jurors heard the charge of armed robbery preferred against Li Kam Fuk, the prisoner pleading not guilty.

The Attorney-General informed the jury that this affair took place at Taikouk village at about midnight on January 14th. The prosecutor, a woman, was in the house with a little girl of seven. She said her house was broken into and she was violently assaulted by four men, who tore her silver bangles off her arms. At the time, prosecutor says, prisoner was standing at the door keeping watch. The evidence of the prosecution was based on the statement of the woman herself, but the prisoner, when charged by the police, in his statement admitted that he stood at the door and watched. It was right that the Attorney-General should tell the jurors that the accused made a long statement before the magistrate in which he denied his former statement, and accused the police of causing him to make that statement by force. This the sergeant accused denied.

The jury, without retiring, found the prisoner guilty.

His Lordship—You are sentenced to five years' hard labour. You look a poor sort of creature, and I don't know that you can stand much flogging, but you must have twelve strokes.

## THE ARMED ROBBERY IN COCHRANE STREET.

(Chan Lai was arraigned on the charge of committing armed robbery with certain persons not in custody at 16, Cochrane Street, on the 5th inst.)

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and his case was heard by the same jurors.

The Attorney-General informed the Court and jury that this case of armed robbery took place at 16, Cochrane Street, in the city, on the 5th of the present month. The case was quite a simple one: the prisoner, in company with another man, went to the house mentioned, which was a place where there was a coolies' mess. This was at 11.30 in the morning, when all the coolies were out with the exception of the cook. He would state that two men entered, caught hold of him, tied his hands and legs and gagged him, while, as usual a third man was watching at the door. The robbers then took all they could discover in the place and departed. As soon as they got out, prosecutor apparently freed his legs, and with his hands tied behind went out and gave chase. He saw the first man running and carrying a box. There was a policeman in the vicinity, and No. 1 dropped the box and ran, but was arrested. It appeared an extremely clear case, and the prisoner in his statement admitted carrying the box, but stated that he had been asked by other people to do so.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the accused was sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour, and to receive a flogging of 24 strokes.

THE ROBBERY IN YAUMATI BAY.

Hung Tik Un and Pung Chan appeared to answer a charge of armed robbery in Yaumati Bay near Mongkok on January 13th, and both defendants pleaded guilty, the first defendant stating that he committed the crime because the prosecutor owed him money.

The Attorney-General stated this was precisely the position No. 1 took up before the Magistrate. Apparently he asserted some sort of claim or right because of the fact that he was formerly a partner in the junk. Prosecutor denied that he had any sort of claim in it whatever.

His Lordship—What are the facts?

The Attorney-General said this offence was committed at about 9.30 o'clock on the 13th January while the junk was lying off Mongkok. The master of the junk said that the first prisoner formerly had a small share in the craft, but at the time of the robbery he had no interest whatever; all his claim had been satisfied. Prosecutor was away from the junk on the day in question, and when he returned he found that his vessel had been boarded by thieves and a box containing \$140 in subsidiary coin and a quantity of clothing stolen. Some of the stolen property was subsequently discovered, having been pawned by the second defendant, and this property was identified by prosecutor. As to the robbery, there were three witnesses who spoke definitely as to three men going on board, two armed with knives and the other with a firearm. A fourth man was lying alongside. Those on board were warned not to make any noise, shoved into the hold, and the articles mentioned stolen.

His Lordship—There is no question about this being an armed robbery?

The Attorney-General—No, they have pleaded guilty.

His Lordship, after telling the first defendant that he was not sure whether his defence did not make his offence worse, sentenced each prisoner to five years' imprisonment with hard labour, and to receive 24 strokes of the birch.

The Chief Justice then thanked the jurors empanelled, and told them that they need not return again until to-morrow (Wednesday).

## ACCIDENT TO THE "EMPEROR OF CHINA."

We are informed that the *Empress of China* which left here on the 13th inst. went aground when passing through the Inland Sea of Japan. Upon arrival at Kobe it was found that she had sustained damage to her bottom plating which will necessitate repairs being effected before she can proceed on her voyage to Vancouver.

Our Tokyo correspondent telegraphs that the accident happened on Friday near Matsuyama, and that docking at Kobe delayed the steamer a day.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Some four or five years ago the Volunteer Reserve Association was inaugurated with a considerable show of enthusiasm. No doubt the personal influence of Sir Matthew Nathan had a good deal to do with its initial success, but it would be hardly fair to the numbers who in those days attended the regular Saturday afternoon shooting practices to suppose that they were wholly led by that personal influence and had not also some belief that what they were doing was in the service of their country. For the last year or more all this initial enthusiasm appears to have been on the wane, but it can surely scarcely be that all those—including heads of business firms and Government departments—who made the Association such a success in the first year or two, have changed their minds and now think that what they then did was waste of time.

It seems to me the explanation lies more in the question of management.

At its commencement the Association had the advantage of the services of a very able and enthusiastic Hon. Secretary in Mr. Trenchard Davis. He did all the hard work of organizing a new affair and only resigned when he had got the business into good working order. His work was ably carried on by two more honorary secretaries, Mr. Wakeman and Mr. E. S. Carruthers, but since the secretaryship has become a paid appointment and not an honorary one, less attention rather than more appears to have been given to the management.

I am obliged here to enter on personal matters to support my statement. About six months ago I saw in the papers that I had won a cup (not a very important one certainly). I have not received the cup, and am unable to obtain any information as to when I am likely to do so. I have heard of two members who have won pools, but have not, after some months, received the money. The results of the weekly shoots used to be put in the papers, but have not been seen for some months now. I recently met on the range a new member who said that, though he had joined a month previously, he had received no circular as to the dates of shooting. Under circumstances such as these it cannot be expected that members will take much interest in the work.

Either the Association is worth keeping up or it is not. If the latter, it should be wound up at once, and not allowed to die a lingering death. I am one who believes it is worth keeping up, and I feel sure there are many who think as I do, and who would highly appreciate the action of the Committee if that action should be successful in remedying the present slackness.—Yours &c.,

L. GIBBS.

## HONGKONG QUEEN'S COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—This communication is intended to catch the eye of the Queen's College Old Boys, numbers of whom have oftentimes deplored the absence of an Alumni or Old Boys' Association. The formation of another College year is an appropriate occasion for directing renewed attention to the need of such an Association to promote the interests of Queen's and to keep touch of Queen's (including her predecessor, the Old Central School) men the wide world over. It is urged that the formation of the Association should not be longer delayed in view of the large educational projects in the air.

Some old boys have decided to take the matter up promptly and, by means of this announcement, gauge the feeling of other old boys before convening a meeting.

Will those who evince any interest send a line in the course of the next fortnight to the undersigned (who will see to the preliminary arrangements)?

C. H. LEE.

CHEUNG TSOI.

Chinese Club, Queen's Road Central.

## EXECUTION AT VICTORIA GAOL.

Chan Shun, one of the six men sentenced to death on January 28th for the murder of their former employer at Des Voeux Road, was executed at Victoria Gaol yesterday morning at five o'clock. In the afternoon Mr. J. H. Kemp conducted at the Magistrate's the usual inquiry into the cause of death. The Jury was composed of Messrs. H. V. Wilkinson, Owen E. Owen and Wilhelm Schmidt.

E. J. Pierpont, chief warden at Victoria Gaol, stated that the deceased was received into prison on January 28th last under sentence of death, which sentence was duly carried out at one minute past five on Monday morning. There were present at the execution Mr. Craig, superintendent of Victoria Gaol, Dr. Moore, medical officer, witness and the usual escort of officers. He produced the warrant for the execution.

Dr. Moore, medical officer of Victoria Gaol, said he was present at the execution and in his opinion death was instantaneous. He made a post-mortem examination of the body and found the neck was dislocated and the spinal cord was crushed. Death was due to dislocation of the neck.

The jury found the cause of death to be as stated and that the sentence of death had been duly carried out.

Though no official announcement has been made, it may be assumed that the five other men have had their sentences commuted.

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL—Keep your complexion, Mrs. Ellen's Crème Chamois, Lait Chamois and Special Skin Tonic and Poudre Chamois will enable you to do it. Her Specialties for the Skin are the study of a lifetime. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. Sole Agents.

## COMPANY MEETINGS.

## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the above company was held yesterday at the offices in Queen's Buildings. The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided and there were present Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. H. A. Siebs, G. Friedland, W. Helms, H. P. White, D. V. Craddock, E. G. Barrett and S. Silverstone (directors) R. Mitchell (Acting Chief Manager), T. I. Rose (secretary), Messrs. T. Skinner, Erich Georg, H. Percy Smith, J. A. Chinoy, F. Maitland, J. W. C. Bonnar, S. J. Michael, Cho' (han Sin Rie, Ho Kom Tong, Leep Cheo, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shui, J. P. Bragg, L. Berindogues, M. H. Michael, and A. A. Moreno.

The notice convening the meeting having been read,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the report and statement of accounts, presented to you some little time ago, as read. The net profits for the half year ending 31st December, 1908, amount to \$261,981.53, as compared with \$274,577.68 for the previous six months and \$169,611.95 for the corresponding period of 1907. Including the balance of \$384,847.24 brought forward from last account and deducting Directors and Auditors' fees, we have available for appropriation the sum of \$356,787.77, out of which sum your Directors propose, subject to your approval, to pay a dividend for the half year of 8 per cent or 24 per share, absorbing \$200,000, place a further sum of \$21,000 to the credit of No. 1 Dock Extension Account, write \$5,000 off the value of Cosmopolitan Dock, \$250,000, off floating plant, and carry forward \$387,078.77 to the new account. We trust the proposed distribution of profits will meet with your approval. The figures now laid before you are slightly less than for the preceding six months but show an increase of about \$100,000 over those of the corresponding period of 1907. The work of lengthening the No. 1 dock has not progressed as quickly as we hoped for, but we find the use of the dock in our business necessary and interfering with and delays the blasting and excavation. The caisson of the No. 3 dock at Kowloon has been overhauled and repaired at a cost of \$5,553.92, which amount, together with \$2,437.78 expended in repairing damage to docks, slips and buildings caused by the typhoon of July, 1908, appears at the debit of Revenue Account. Repairing damage to floating plant after the same typhoon cost us \$8,264; this amount has been passed to the debit of Marine Insurance Account. The loan from the Admiralty having been paid in full, this account now disappears from the statement and will affect our accounts in that we will not require to remit approximately \$10,000 per annum. The item under the heading of "sundry debtors" is about the same as in the last account but "sundry creditors" shows a reduction of \$95,000. This is partly due to their being no instalments paid on work in progress. As to the value of material on hand, this shows a further reduction of about \$70,000. The tonnage of British and Foreign mail of war docked during the past half year was less than half that for the previous six months but slightly better than the corresponding period for 1907. The number of steamers and tonnage of merchant shipping show little variation over a number of years, but with a tendency to increase. We have been fortunate in securing several good repairing contracts due to stranding which have materially assisted our profits for the period under review. The buildings, shops and plant have been maintained in good condition and the opportunity of a slack period in the machine shops was availed of to give some of the machines a thorough overhaul and adapting them to the requirements for using high speed tool steel. The moorings in front of Kowloon Docks have all been lifted and relaid in good condition. The various improvements and additions at the Kowloon Docks during recent years have put the works in a position for better handling any orders that may be entrusted to us but one department, namely the foundry, will require enlargement, as, during the past two years, we have been greatly handicapped in not getting castings out as rapidly as was necessary. After consideration of the report drawn up by the Sub-Committee, your Directors deemed it advisable to obtain the services of an Expert to make an exhaustive examination of our whole organization and system of working, and Messrs. Medhurst and Keswick being in England and conversant with our requirements, your Directors requested their assistance in the engagement of a suitable man. Mr. R. M. Dyer, Ship-yard Manager with Messrs. Barclay, Curle & Co., Glasgow, has been selected for the appointment and is now with us. Our thanks are due to Mr. George Dodwell (who kindly consented to act for Mr. Medhurst, absent in New York), and Mr. Henry Keswick for the trouble they have taken in this matter. It is too early as yet to attempt to forecast the result of Mr. Dyer's examination, but I am pleased to say he is receiving the cordial co-operation of our Staff, and you may rest assured that any recommendations he may make tending towards greater economy and efficiency will immediately be carried out. As regards the future, I regret to say that our business seems to be suffering from the prevailing depression as is evidenced by the amount of work we have in hand, which is considerably less than last year. Your Directors realize the urgent necessity of securing new and of holding old and valued constituents, and with a continuance of their support, I trust we may be able to place satisfactory figures before you in August next. If any further information is desired I shall be pleased to afford it, before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts.

There being no questions,

The CHAIRMAN moved and Mr. MAITLAND seconded the adoption of the report. Mr. MAITLAND said—After the remarks of the Chairman, I have very little to say except that shareholders should be satisfied that their interests are well looked after. The thanks of the shareholders are due to the management and staff and board of directors and they are also indebted to the sub-committee for their laborious work. In future shareholders will reap the benefit of their exertions. I have always heard that the work of the Dock Company is second to none in the East, that in fact it can, hold its own anywhere in the world. I hope this will continue and that we shall adopt the motto of the Hongkong Volunteers—"Nullus in Parva Oriens" (Applause).

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson and Messrs. Broderick and E. G. Barrett as directors was confirmed on the motion of Mr. SKINNER, seconded by Mr. GEORGE.

Mr. LO CHEUNG moved and Mr. BONNAR seconded the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Siebs as director in room of Mr. Broderick. Carried.

Messrs. Friedland and Craddock were re-elected directors on the motion of Mr. BERINDOGUES seconded by Mr. HO FOOK.

Mr. M. H. MICHAEL proposed the re-appointment of Messrs. Jeffries and H. Percy Smith as auditors.

Mr. MORENO seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN—Thank you for your attention, gentlemen. Dividend warrant be ready to-morrow on application.

## SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the above company was held at the company's offices in Shanghai on the 17th inst. There were present: Messrs. E. Jenner Hogg (Chairman), J. M. Young, C. W. Wrightson, H. B. Skinner (Directors) B. G. Holt, H. J. Clark, J. Valentine, J. Kerr, C. D. Kerr, G. S. Lindsay, A. Dallas, W. Carlson, D. M. Gubay, W. B. Bayers, Cummins and P. Peables (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, as there is a quorum present, I propose that Mr. Peables act as Secretary to the meeting, and I shall ask him to read the notice convening the meeting.

This having been done—

The CHAIRMAN—The Report and Accounts have been in your hands for some time and with your permission we will take them as read. I am very glad to be able to congratulate shareholders on the continued satisfactory working of the Company. We have passed through a year of considerable stress but we still show results that I am sure must gratify you. We keep up the same dividend and bonus as last year while we propose to fortify our position by passing to "Equalization of Dividend Fund" such a substantial sum as will further consolidate the strong position we have already attained and ensure our dividends even if evil days should come. We also carry forward a large balance—we believe that we ought to do this and that you will heartily approve of our doing so in view of the possibilities turning out unfavorably during 1909. Turning to the year—Our rentals have increased by nearly 15 per cent, but on the other hand some of our expenses have been heavy. Taxes are largely increased and we have had to meet a considerable number of repairs, due in many cases to changing tenants. We have improved the lighting on some of our properties, and that item is consequently increased. Fire Insurance amounts to more, our building expenses, and management expenses are higher owing to additional remuneration to the agents, to salaries increasing with terms of service, and to sundries incidental to the growth of our business.

Interest Account is the difference between payments of interest on debentures and overdraft on one side, and receipts from mortgages on the other. It is about 11,400 less than last year, as the amount of mortgage has been somewhat reduced.

Profit and Loss Account you will find credited with 290,000, the profit on the sale of part of No. 1 Estate, and with Premiums on Debentures sold recently. On the other side is a debit under this heading as earlier last year Debentures generally were in less demand and were sold at a discount. The item of 212,448 is the premium on certain half shares left over from the last issue and sold, the amount received being paid over to the shareholders entitled thereto.

Reserve Fund is increased to 1,523,045.72 by the transfer authorized at our last Meeting of 653,552.21 being the premium on the new issue of Capital. This Fund has reached such proportions (it is equal to nearly 40 per cent of our capital), that we see no reason to make further addition to it at present.

"The Reserve Fund for the Equalization of Dividends" will, if you approve our proposal be brought up to the substantial sum of 715,300,000, and will be available at any time for the maintenance of our dividends in cases of such need.

Balance Sheet shows the cost of our various properties up to date and I may mention that we have expended during the year about—

Tls. 36,000 on land.

394,000 on new buildings.

25,000 on raising land.

All of which is satisfactory output. Our mortgages amounting to Tls. 2,579,412.20 are all fully covered. As to the future we are proceeding in all respects very cautiously waiting to see how this year will develop, but as far as we are concerned we have no cause for the slightest apprehension.

If anyone has any questions to ask I shall be very pleased to answer them to the best of my ability before proposing the resolution.

There being no questions the following resolutions were put to the meeting and adopted unanimously:

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Young: that the report and accounts as presented be accepted and passed.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Wrightson: that the Directors be authorized to pay a final dividend for the year 1908 of 6 per cent, and a bonus of 4 per cent on the paid-up capital to shareholders on the register at this day.

Proposed by Mr. A. Dallas, seconded by Mr. H. J. Clark: that Mr. C. W. Wrightson be re-elected a director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. L. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Carlson: that Mr. G. B. Wingrove be re-elected auditor.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, that is all the business of the meeting. Dividend warrants will be posted to shareholders.

## A SOLDIER IN TROUBLE.

At the Magistrate's yesterday two gunners of the R.G.A. named Samuel Stephens and Frederick Brenton were brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp on a charge of having stolen \$1.50 in copper cents from the cash box of a tram.

The notman said that about ten o'clock on Sunday night when his car was nearing the Central Market he heard the lid of the cash box being raised and heard some coppers drop on the deck of the car, and on looking round saw the first defendant putting cents into his pocket. On reaching the Central Market he rang the bell and with the conductor entered the first class compartment. He asked the conductor if any money was missing from the cash box and when the latter made an examination he discovered that \$1.50 had been abstracted, while several cents were noticed on the floor. A constable was called and he wished to search the first defendant but the latter would not allow it. However he was taken to the Police Station, the second defendant following on his own accord.

P. C. 90 stated that, when the conductor charged the defendant, the latter declared that he knew nothing about it.

Brenton wished to ask questions, but his Worship told him it was hardly worth while as there was nothing against him. The second defendant was thereupon discharged.

P. S. Gorman, who was on duty at the Central Police Station when the defendant was brought in, said that on searching the defendant he found \$1.46 in his pocket in copper cents. In another pocket there were two copper cents. Witness also discovered \$2.60 in silver in the man's possession.

His Worship—Do you wish to make any statement?

Defendant—I have nothing to add to the statement I made last night, sir. I know nothing whatever about the matter.

His Worship—The fact remains that the conductor missed \$1.50 and \$1.46 in copper cents was found in your pocket.

Defendant—Yes, sir, but I had been gambling in the morning, and I had a pocketful of small silver and copper cents.

His Worship—The point which seems to me to tell against you is the possession of such a large quantity of copper cents.

Defendant—When I started out in the afternoon I think I had four or five dollars in copper cents.

The conductor on being questioned by the Magistrate said he occasionally found a shortage in his copper cents.

Defendant added the statement that he had received his pay on Saturday, \$4.

His Worship—What did you do with your pay? Did you keep it in that form?—No, sir. I got it changed when we were gambling on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

His Worship—Who were you gambling with? Perhaps you do not like to say. You need not unless you care to?—The men in the barracks, sir.

His Worship—You would rather not give their names?—No, sir, unless they came forward themselves.

His Worship adjourned the case until Thursday.

## A CHINESE GIRL'S SUICIDE.

Mr. J. H. Kemp conducted an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Ko So Heung, a Chinese female, 14 years of age who committed suicide by hanging in a house in Des Voeux Road.

Dr. Hunter, in charge of the mortuary, spoke to the body being brought into the mortuary on February 4th and to making a post mortem examination, the result of which showed that death was due to asphyxiation from hanging.

His Worship—The evidence is that deceased stood on a stool, tied a string round her neck and jumped off the stool, breaking the string? Is that consistent?—Yes.

You can't say how long it would be necessary for the string to be round her neck before death ensued?—No, a very short time.

When the witnesses found her she was breathing?—She might have been asphyxiated before the string broke.

There were no other marks of violence?—No. I suppose while hanging there would have been convulsive movements of the limbs?—Yes, and that would have broken the cord.

Other witnesses were called who testified to deceased being found on the floor of the house, dying shortly afterwards.

The inquiry was closed.

## NEW SOLICITOR ENROLLED.

Before the business of the day was proceeded with at the Supreme Court yesterday the Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies, K.C., Attorney-General, moved for the admission of Mr. Hing Kam Hung as a solicitor of the Court. Mr. Hing Kam Hung had had quite a distinguished career. He was educated at Queen's College, Hongkong, and afterwards went to England where he was articled to the firm of Messrs. Allthorne, Currie and Co., Gray's Inn, with whom he remained during his articles. He passed the final examination of the Incorporated Law Society in the month of June, 1908, and was admitted a solicitor of the Supreme Court in England on October 14th of the same year. He also obtained a certificate for first class honours from the Incorporated Law Society in June 1908. In December he returned to Hongkong and intends to join the firm of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon as an assistant solicitor.

His Lordship said he had looked through the papers; they were all right, and he had much pleasure in admitting Mr. Hing Kam Hung as a solicitor of the Court.

The Rev. H. M. Trickett, Chaplain of St. Andrew's (Mission to Seamen), Shanghai, died last week at the Nursing Home where he had undergone an operation.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

Senor Maristany, at one time the Spanish Mail Co's representative in Manila, is on a tour of the company's agencies in the Far East. He is now at Manila. The Spanish newspapers in Manila have hinted that Sr. Maristany's visit is in connection with an extension of the company's lines to China and Japan, but this is characterized as a canard by Captain Osie, the present Manila agent of the concern.

The first half yearly balance-sheet of the Siam Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. shows a net profit of Ticals 172,767.31, whereof it is proposed to utilise Tics. 39,339.25, being 5 per cent. p.a. on the cost value of the steamers and 10 per cent. p.a. of the launches, junks, etc.—as depreciation, leaving Tics. 133,428.06 to be divided as follows in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company—5 per cent. for the half year to the shareholders absorbing Tics. 100,000; remuneration to the Directors Tics. 3,342.80; to be carried to the Reserve Fund Tics. 10,000; further dividend to the Shareholders 1 per cent. Tics. 20,000; to be carried forward to next half year Tics. 85.26.

In May of this year the Osaka Shosen Kaisha will inaugurate a New Trans-Pacific regular monthly freight service, and later a fortnightly service on completion of the whole fleet, starting from Hongkong, via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama (with liberty to call at Manila, Keelung, 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13.14.15.16.17.18.19.20.21.22.23.24.25.26.27.28.29.30.31.32.33.34.35.36.37.38.39.40.41.42.43.44.45.46.47.48.49.50.51.52.53.54.55.56.57.58.59.60.61.62.63.64.65.66.67.68.69.70.71.72.73.74.75.76.77.78.79.80.81.82.83.84.85.86.87.88.89.90.91.92.93.94.95.96.97.98.99.100.101.102.103.104.105.106.107.108.109.110.111.112.113.114.115.116.117.118.119.120.121.122.123.124.125.126.127.128.129.130.131.132.133.134.135.136.137.138.139.140.141.142.143.144.145.146.147.148.149.150.151.152.153.154.155.156.157.158.159.160.161.162.163.164.165.166.167.168.169.170.171.172.173.174.175.176.177.178.179.180.181.182.183.184.185.186.187.188.189.190.191.192.193.194.195.196.197.198.199.200.201.202.203.204.205.206.207.208.209.210.211.212.213.214.215.216.217.218.219.220.221.222.223.224.225.226.227.228.229.230.231.232.233.234.235.236.237.238.239.240.241.242.243.244.245.246.247.248.249.250.251.252.253.254.255.256.257.258.259.260.261.262.263.264.265.266.267.268.269.270.271.272.273.274.275.276.277.278.279.280.281.282.283.284.285.286.287.288.289.290.291.292.293.294.295.296.297.298.299.300.301.302.303.304.305.306.307.308.309.310.311.312.313.314.315.316.317.318.319.320.321.322.323.324.325.326.327.328.329.330.331.332.333.334.335.336.337.338.339.340.341.342.343.344.345.346.347.348.349.350.351.352.353.354.355.356.357.358.359.360.361.362.363.364.365.366.367.368.369.370.371.372.373.374.375.376.377.378.379.380.381.382.383.384.385.386.387.388.389.390.391.392.393.394.395.396.397.398.399.400.401.402.403.404.405.406.407.408.409.410.411.412.413.414.415.416.417.418.419.420.421.422.423.424.425.426.427.428.429.430.431.432.433.434.435.436.437.438.439.440.441.442.443.444.445.446.447.448.449.450.451.452.453.454.455.456.457.458.459.460.461.462.463.464.465.466.467.468.469.470.471.472.473.474.475.476.477.478.479.480.481.482.483.484.485.486.487.488.489.490.491.492.493.494.495.496.497.498.499.500.501.502.503.504.505.506.507.508.509.510.511.512.513.514.515.516.517.518.519.520.521.522.523.524.525.526.527.528.529.530.531.532.533.534.535.536.537.538.539.540.541.542.543.544.545.546.547.548.549.550.551.552.553.554.555.556.557.558.559.560.561.562.563.564.565.566.567.568.569.570.571.572.573.574.575.576.577.578.579.580.581.582.583.584.585.586.587.588.589.590.591.592.593.594.595.596.597.598.599.600.601.602.603.604.605.606.607.608.609.610.611.612.613.614.615.616.617.618.619.620.621.622.623.624.625.626.627.628.629.630.631.632.633.634.635.636.637.638.639.640.641.642.643.644.645.646.647.648.649.650.651.652.653.654.655.656.657.658.659.660.661.662.663.664.665.666.667.668.669.670.671.672.673.674.675.676.677.678.679.680.681.682.683.684.685.686.687.688.689.690.691.692.693.694.695.696.697.698.699.700.701.702.703.704.705.706.707.708.709.710.711.712.713.714.715.716.717.718.719.720.721.722.723.724.725.726.727.728.729.730.731.732.733.734.735.736.737.738.739.740.741.742.743.744.745.746.747.748.749.750.751.752.753.754.755.756.757.758.759.760.761.762.763.764.765.766.767.768.769.770.771.772.773.774.775.776.777.778.779.780.781.782.783.784.785.786.787.788.789.790.791.792.793.794.795.796.797.798.799.800.801.802.803.804.805.806.807.808.809.810.811.812.813.814.815.816.817.818.819.820.821.822.823.824.825.826.827.828.829.830.831.832.833.834.835.836.837.838.839.840.841.842.843.844.845.846.847.848.849.850.851.852.853.854.855.856.857.858.859.860.861.862.863.864.865.866.867.868.869.870.871.872.873.874.875.876.877.878.879.880.881.882.883.884.885.886.887.888.889.890.891.892.893.894.895.896.897.8



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

E. R. TIAQUE.

THE Public are hereby informed that RAT POISON, RAT TRAPS, and BIRD LIME can be obtained free of charge from any of the Officers of the Sanitary Department.

The co-operation of householders in the destruction of rats is earnestly requested.

By Order,  
SANITARY DEPARTMENT.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [369]

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Half Year ending 31st December, 1908, at the rate of Two Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Five Shillings Sterling per Share of \$125 is Payable on and after MONDAY the 22nd day of February, Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. R. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [370]

## HONGKONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8 Per Cent. per Share for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1908, DECLARED at Monday's Ordinary Meeting, will be payable at the premises of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 23rd February, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Prince.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [371]

## H.K.A.A.A.

THE SECOND RUN in connection with the Broke Cross-Country Challenge Cup will take place on SUNDAY next, Feb. 28th, at 3.30 p.m., over a Course in Kowloon. Starting on race track. Entries at the post or to undersigned.

H. L. O. GARRETT,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [372]

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship  
"CATHERINE APCAR,"  
Captain W. D. A. Thomas, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 25th Feb., at 3 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [365]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer  
"DELTA,"  
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed AT RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where such consignments will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—  
From London, &c., ex s.s. "Moldavia,"  
From Calcutta, ex s.s. "Ceylon,"  
And Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 24th Feb., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1909. [1]

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

SS. "BENVENUE,"  
FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th February, at 11 a.m., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 6th March, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th February, at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [367]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENT

## "BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## S.S. "DAORE CASTLE,"

## FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd March, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st March, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [368]

## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the Undersigned up to the 31st March, 1909, for the Post of ACTING STEWARD to the above Club for six months from the 1st May, 1909.

Applicants should be unmarried as residence on the Club Premises is essential.

By Order,  
JAMES CRAIK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [315]

## WANTED.

FOR THE BRITISH CONCESSION, Amoy, a CHIEF CONSTABLE to superintend a small force of 6 NATIVE CONSTABLES, and whose principal duty will be to look after the cleanliness of the concession, and to see that the concession is kept in good order. Salary \$100 per month with quarters, and medical attendance. Applications, accompanied by copies of testimonials to be addressed to the CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, British Concession, Amoy, not later than 5th March, 1909.

Amoy, 18th February, 1909. [362]

## ICE

## 1 CENT PER POUND.

MANUFACTURED from Pure Distilled Water. Quality unexcelled. For Sale at Our Depot No. 51, Des Voeux Road.

Sand for Pass Book or Tickets.

## ORIENTAL BREWERY LTD.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [343]

## SUTTON'S SEEDS.

Special Selections for South China.

CHINA EXPRESS CO.  
3, Duddell Street, Hongkong,  
Shipping and Insurance Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

## HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after the 1st March, the Selling Price of Ice will be Reduced to ONE CENT per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.,  
Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [311]

## THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LTD.

FINE—FRESH AUSTRALIAN BUTTER.

73, 75 & 80 Cents a lb.  
Sold in 4 lb. packets to suit convenience of Customers.  
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909. [269]

## GRACA &amp; CO.,

(Established 1896.)

No. 27 Des Voeux Road.

Dealers in

POSTAGE STAMPS

and all Philatelic Goods.

Pictorial Post Cards, Birthday Cards,

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## COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.,

have now 40,000 Cubic Feet of Cold

Storage available at EAST POINT. Storage will be Open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Sunday

excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.

G. K. HAYTON, Manager.  
Hongkong 1st April, 1908. [48]

## DR. M. H. CHAUN.

THE latest Method of the AMERICAN

SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.

33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.  
Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. [1261]

## SIEN TING

SURGEON DENTIST.

No. 10, D'AGUIAR STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1905. [1327]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

## NOTICE.

## THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above mentioned Company will be held at the Registered Office, Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1909, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company.

2. That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at par to all members of the Company registered as Shareholders on the 1st day of March, 1909, in the proportion of Two New Shares for every Three Original Shares held by them and upon the footing that Fifty per cent. of the full amount of each New Share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the member is entitled if not accepted and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. MOONEY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [339]

## HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 25TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors, and electing a Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 23rd February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [334]

## HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 12.30 p.m., on SATURDAY, 27th instant to receive Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Reports of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th instant, to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [340]

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTIETH MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th February to 4th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
C. PEMBERTON,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [335]

## HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1908, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be completely brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th February to the 6th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MOONEY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [363]

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 12.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 9th March.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd inst. to the 9th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [367]

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE.

No. 4732-157229/157236-8 Shares in name of ETHEL NEWTON TRIBE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DUPLICATE of the above CERTIFICATE will be issued One Month hence, and the Original Certificate, unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as Null and Void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [271]

## NOW READY

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DIRECTORY AND

CHRONICLE

FOR 1909.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## BANDMANN COMEDY CO.

SATURDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.  
THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERY,  
Finest Great Sensational Play.

MONDAY, 1ST MARCH.  
WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES,  
Wooden Grossmith's Greatest Success.

TUESDAY, 2ND MARCH.  
THE LITTLE MINISTER,  
J. M. Barrie's Phenomenally Successful Play.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD MARCH.  
A NIGHT OUT,  
The Screamingly Funny Farcical Comedy

THURSDAY, 4TH MARCH.  
THE LIGHT THAT FAILED,  
Forbes Robertson's Powerful Dramatic Play

FRIDAY, 5TH MARCH.  
THE LADY OF OSTEND,  
Sir Charles Burnand's Masterpiece.

PRICES - - \$3, \$2 & \$1.  
Plan now open at S. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [344]

## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been favoured with instructions from HENRY HUMPHREYS, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND THURSDAY,

the 24th and 25th February, 1909, commencing at 2 p.m., and on the following day at 11 a.m., respectively,

within his residence, "ABERHOLWYN," Peak Road.

SUNDRY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

SILK COVERED DRAWING ROOM and COSY CORNER by Maple, CHIP-PENDALE CHAIRS, MOROCCO COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, a Large Assortment of CANTON CARVED BLACKWOOD WARE, CARVED CHERRYWOOD DESK, OVERMAN TEL with BEVELLED GLASS, BRONZE FIGURES with ELECTRIC LIGHTS COMBINED, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS by Hall & Holtz, JAPANESE GOLD LACQUERED CABINETS, DOUBLE SINGLE BRASS BEDSTEPS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, DRESSING TABLE, CHEST-OF-DRAWERS and MARBLE-TOP WASH-STANDS all L. C. & Co.'s make, GLASS CROCKERY and E. P. WARE, Persian and Turkish CARPETS (New) and RUGS, WATER COLOURS, many fine STEEL ENGRAVINGS (Artists' proofs) and very fine OIL PAINTINGS by Heywood Hardy, SYDNEY COOPER, PHIL MORRIS and other well-known ARTISTS, MARBLE CLOCKS by Maple and others.

One IRON SAFE by Chubb and One BOUDOIR GRAND PIANO by Collard & Collard, (almost new).

On View from TUESDAY, the 23rd instant. Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [360]

## PONIES! PONIES! PONIES!

THE Undersigned will hold their Annual Sale of Race Ponies by Public Roup as under—

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 24th February, 1909, at 3 p.m., Opposite the City Hall.

ABOUT FIFTY LOTS. Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [346]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from W. E. CLARKE, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

On FRIDAY, the 26th February, 1909, at 2 p.m., within his Residence, "ABERHOLWYN," The Peak.

SUNDRY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

Silk Tapestry Covered DRAWING ROOM SUITE, an Assortment of CARVED CANTON DINING TABLE, EXTENSION TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD, DINING WAGON, TEAKWOOD SINGLE BEDSTEPS with BEVELLED GLASS, SINGLE BEDSTEPS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES and DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, CARPETS, RUGS, GLASS CROCKERY and E. P. WARE, PICTURES, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c., &c.

Also One IRON SAFE by Milners, One SEMI-GRAND PIANO by Hsake and One TENNIS NET and POLES, &c., &c.

On View on THURSDAY, the 25th instant. Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [358]

## JUST WHAT IS REQUIRED.

INDIA LINEN, INDIA NAINSOOK

INDIA MADAPOLAM, INDIA LONGCLOTH and INDIA MUSLIN.

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co.,  
No. 14, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [41]

## BANKS

## THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED ... 1,125,000  
PAID-UP ... 562,000  
RESERVE FUND ... 210,000

BANKERS:  
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 12 months ... 4 per cent.  
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For 3 " ... 3 per cent.

EVAN ORMISTON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 23rd April 1908. [23]

## THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... Yen 24,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ... 15,100,000

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